

BILL NO. 08-01
As Amended

COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Introduced by Council President Boniface at the request of the County Executive

Legislative Day No. 08-01 Date January 8, 2008

AN ACT to add new Article XVB, Economic Development Tourism Advisory Board, to Part 2, Nonbinding Advisory Boards, of Chapter 9, Boards, Commissions, Councils and Agencies, of the Harford County Code, as amended; to establish a Harford County Economic Development Tourism Advisory Board; to establish the powers and duties of the Board; to impose certain requirements on the Board; and generally relating to the powers and duties of the Board.

By the Council, January 8, 2008

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: February 12, 2008

at: 6:50 p.m.

By Order: Barbara J. O'Connor, Council Administrator

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on February 12, 2008, and concluded on February 12, 2008.

Barbara J. O'Connor, Council Administrator

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

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WHEREAS, Tourism in Maryland is an \$11 billion industry.

WHEREAS, Tourism injects approximately \$200 million into the Harford County economy annually.

WHEREAS, Harford County seeks to leverage greater investment in its tourism industry.

WHEREAS, Harford County seeks to engage the private sector in tourism development initiatives.

Section 1. Be It Enacted By The County Council of Harford County, Maryland that Article XVB, Economic Development Tourism Advisory Board, be, and it is hereby, added to Part 2, Nonbinding Advisory Boards, of Chapter 9, Boards, Commissions, Councils and Agencies, of the Harford County Code, as amended, all to read as follows:

Chapter 9. Boards, Commissions, Council and Agencies

Part 2. Nonbinding Advisory Boards

ARTICLE XVB. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TOURISM ADVISORY BOARD

§ 9-100.6. CREATION.

THE HARFORD COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TOURISM ADVISORY BOARD IS
HEREBY CREATED.

§ 9-100.7. MEMBERSHIP.

A. THE BOARD CONSISTS OF 16 MEMBERS.

B. THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE SHALL APPOINT THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS,
SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL:

(1) 6 REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE HARFORD
COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD'S TOURISM SUBCOMMITTEE;

(2) 3 REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE LOCAL HOTELIER INDUSTRY;

(3) A REPRESENTATIVE NOMINATED BY THE HARFORD COUNTY CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE;

(4) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE LOCAL ATHLETIC OR SPORTS INDUSTRY;

(5) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE LOCAL FOOD AND BEVERAGE
INDUSTRY;

(6) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT ATTRACTIONS;

(7) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM A LOCAL MUSEUM;

(8) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE LOCAL PARKS AND RECREATION
INDUSTRY; AND

(9) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD.

C. EACH YEAR BY THE FIRST MONDAY IN JULY THE BOARD SHALL NOMINATE,
BY SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE, ONE OF ITS MEMBERS TO SERVE AS THE BOARD
CHAIRPERSON, SUBJECT TO APPOINTMENT BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND
CONFIRMATION BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

§ 9-100.8. TERMS OF OFFICE; VACANCIES.

A. MEMBERS SERVE TERMS CONCURRENTLY WITH THE 4-YEAR ELECTION CYCLE
OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE. EACH BOARD MEMBER SHALL SERVE FOR A TERM OF 4
YEARS AND, AT THE END OF THE MEMBER'S TERM, SHALL SERVE UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS
CONFIRMED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

B. THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE MAY REAPPOINT A MEMBER, BUT MEMBERS MAY
NOT SERVE MORE THAN 2 CONSECUTIVE 4-YEAR TERMS.

C. THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE POSSESSES AUTHORITY TO APPOINT A MEMBER TO
FILL THE REMAINDER OF A TERM WHEN A MID-TERM VACANCY OCCURS IN AN
UNEXPIRED MEMBER'S TERM.

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1 D. THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE SHALL APPOINT A MEMBER TO FILL A VACANCY ON
2 THE BOARD IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE MEMBER VACATING THE UNEXPIRED TERM.

3 **§ 9-100.9. PURPOSE.**

4 THE BOARD EXISTS TO ENCOURAGE TOURISM AND ADVANCE THE WELFARE OF THE
5 HARFORD COUNTY COMMUNITY BY PROMOTING TOURISM AND TOURISM RELATED
6 ACTIVITIES.

7 **§ 9-100.10. SALARIES AND COMPENSATION.**

8 MEMBERS SERVE WITH NO SALARY AND MAY ONLY RECEIVE COMPENSATION FROM
9 THE BOARD FOR REASONABLE TRAVEL RELATED EXPENSES.

10 **§ 9-100.11. MEETINGS; QUORUM.**

11 A. THE BOARD SHALL MEET AT LEAST QUARTERLY AND MAY HOLD SPECIAL
12 MEETINGS AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIRPERSON WITH ONLY 4 MEMBERS.

13 B. 9 MEMBERS SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM.

14 C. ANY MEMBER MISSING 3 CONSECUTIVE MEETINGS ~~MAY BE ASKED BY THE~~
15 ~~CHAIRPERSON TO RESIGN~~ SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE TERMINATED HIS OR HER
16 MEMBERSHIP ON THE BOARD UNLESS THE BOARD SHALL, BY MAJORITY VOTE, EXCUSE
17 ONE OR MORE OF THE ABSENCES.

18 **§ 9-100.12. POWERS AND DUTIES.**

19 A. THE BOARD SHALL GUIDE AND ADVISE THE TOURISM MANAGER ON THE
20 DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COUNTY'S ANNUAL TOURISM MARKETING
21 PLAN.

22 B. THE BOARD SHALL ADVISE THE TOURISM MANAGER ON ISSUES RELATED TO

1 THEIR RESPECTIVE INDUSTRY SEGMENT OR TOURISM ISSUES AT LARGE.

2 C. THE BOARD SHALL BE AN ADVOCATE FOR THE COUNTY'S TOURISM PROGRAM
3 IN THE HARFORD COUNTY COMMUNITY.

4 D. THE BOARD SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC
5 ~~DEVELOPMENT~~ DEVELOPMENT, COUNTY COUNCIL AND COUNTY EXECUTIVE ANNUALLY
6 ON ITS ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND GOALS.

7 E. THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REASONABLE RULES AND REGULATIONS TO
8 CONDUCT ITS BUSINESS. THE BOARD MAY NOT ADOPT ANY RULE OR REGULATION THAT
9 CONFLICTS WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE.

10 Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted that this Act shall take effect 60 calendar days from the date it
11 becomes law.

EFFECTIVE: April 21, 2008

*The Council Administrator does hereby certify that fifteen (15)
copies of this Bill are immediately available for distribution to the
public and the press.*

Council Administrator

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Brief Title Economic Development Tourism Advisory Board

is herewith submitted to the County Council of Harford County for enrollment as being the text as finally passed.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT

Barbara J. O'Connor
Council Administrator

Date February 12, 2008

ENROLLED

Bill Bonfante
Council President

Date February 12, 2008

BY THE COUNCIL

Read the third time.

Passed: LSD 08-04

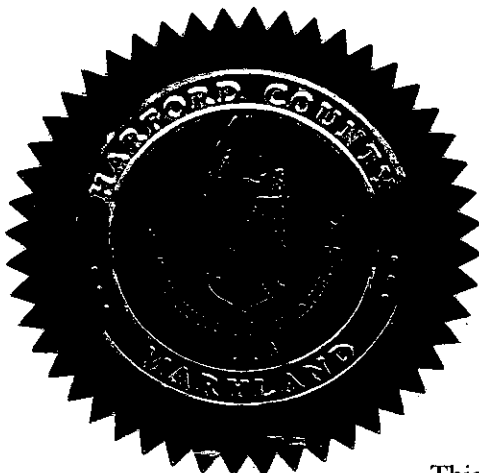
Failed of Passage: _____

By Order

Barbara J. O'Connor
Council Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 13th day of February, 2008 at 3:00 p.m.

Barbara J. O'Connor
Council Administrator



BY THE EXECUTIVE

David R. Craig
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: Date February 19, 2008

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill No. 08-01 As Amended having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, becomes law on February 19, 2008.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 21, 2008

Barbara J. O'Connor
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